

# ARANEA TARANTULA.



## CHARACTER GENERICUS.

*Pedes octo.*

*Oculi octo.*

*Os unguibus seu retinaculis duobus.*

*Palpi duo articulati; masculis genitalibus capitati.*

*Anus papillis textoriis.*

*Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 1030.*

## CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

ARANEA fusca, abdomine supra maculis trigonis nigris margine albidis, pedibus nigro variatis.

ARANEA TARANTULA. A. subtus atra, pedibus atro-fasciatis.

*Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 1035.*

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Araneam Tarantulum, de qua abunde fabularum nugarumque laboriose doctarum andivimus, quæque ad hunc usque diem vulgi fidem et ignorantiam exercet, generant, calidiores Italiæ regiones, aliæque nonnullæ partes Europæ, arva amantem, ut plurimum,

mum, sicca et soli exposita. Magnitudo et colores accurate in tabula exprimuntur. In ævo, cui plenum scientiæ lumen affulsit, satis sit notare ficta et inania haberi quæ de symptomatibus morsum Tarantulæ sequentibus, non nisi musica tollendis decantari solita sunt, et apud sanos omnes totam fabulam exolevisse.





THE  
TARANTULA.



*GENERIC CHARACTER.*

*Legs* eight.

*Eyes* eight.

*Mouth* furnished with two hooks or holders.

*Palpi* or Feelers two, the tips of which (in the males) distinguish the sex.

*Abdomen* terminated by papillæ or teats, thro' which the insect draws its thread.

*SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.*

Brown Spider, with the back of the abdomen marked by trigonal black spots with whitish edges, and the legs variegated with black.

The TARANTULA Spider.

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The Tarantula, of which so many idle recitals have been detailed in the works of the learned, and which even to this day continues to exercise the faith and ignorance of the vulgar, is a native of the warmer parts of Italy, and some other European regions, and is generally found in dry and sunny plains.

plains. Its size and colours are accurately represented on the annexed plate. In the present illuminated period, it may be sufficient merely to add, that the extraordinary symptoms supposed to ensue from its bite, as well as their supposed cure by the power of musick alone, are entirely fabulous, and are now sufficiently exploded among all rational philosophers.